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1. BRITS HAVE JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE IN FAVOR US
AMENDMENT TO LEBANESE RES BUT TO ABSTAIN REPEAT ABSTAIN ON ICJ
RES AND LEBANESE RES.
2. UK POSITION ON ICJ RES IS UNMITIGATED DISASTER. EFFECT WILL
BE TO LOCK JAPANESE INTO ABSTENTION PROBABLY ALSO NEW ZEALAND AND
KENYA. WE STILL OF OPINION THAT (SUBJECT TO CHECKING) CANADIANS
FIRMLY IN OUR CORNER.
3. DEPARTMENT CAN BETTER ASSESS WHETHER ANY POSSIBILITY MOVE
BRITS TO VOTE IN FAVOR ON ICJ RES.
4. IN CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVS AND PUSHING LINE THEY

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CAN AFFORD ABSTENTION ON ICJ RES, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT NO

HOPE OF THEIR SUPPORT. THEY STILL EXPRESSED FIRM HOPE
ALMOST PLEA THAT WE DISPOSE OF ITEM WITHOUT VOTE. WE HAVE
INFORMED THEM THAT THIS IMPOSSIBLE IN VIEW OF ARAB POSITION
WHICH THEY KNOW BETTER THAN WE. AMBASSADOR FERGUSON STILL
HOPES TO PERSUADE SOVIETS KEEP QUIET AND ABSTAIN. HE
BELIEVES WE MAKING PROGRESS SINCE SOVIETS HAVE REQUESTED
FRESH INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW ON THEIR POSITION ICJ.
MAKEEV HAS STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY
CAN END UP IN POSITION ON "NON-PARTICIPATION" BUT WARNS THAT
IF ISRAELIS INTERVENE ALL HOPE OF NEUTRAL SOVIET POSITION
WILL BE LOST.

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